Proposals by Chief Ministers and Chief Justices for disposal of cases in two years

1410. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL:
SHRI LAL K. ADVANI:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that various Chief Ministers and Chief justices of High Courts were asked to send relevant proposals to the Government with a view to attaining the target of disposal of all cases within two years; if so, what is their response; and

(b) whether a time limit of maximum of two years has been thought desirable to set the entire machinery in motion to achieve the target?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) and (b) In the Conference of Chief Justices held in February, 1985, the Chief Justices of High Courts were asked to review the strength of their High Courts on the basis that no civil case should be pending for more than 2 years and no criminal case for more than one year. In June, 1985, Chief Justices of certain High Courts and the Chief Ministers concerned were addressed to consider whether the Judge strength of the High Courts should not be augmented so as to dispose of the arrears in two years and thus achieve the target indicated above. They were requested to examine the matter taking into consideration such relevant aspects like availability of accommodation for Courts and of residential accommodation for the Judges, the feasibility of filling up early the vacancies that would arise by raising the strength, etc.

Some proposals have been received for increasing the strength of High Courts taking into consideration the relevant factors, while other proposals are awaited.

The target of two years for disposal of arrears was suggested in order to expedite the clearance of arrears in the High Courts.

In the Conference of the Chief Justices of High Courts and the Chief Ministers and Law Ministers of States held in August-September, 1985, it was resolved unanimously that the arrears in all courts should be eliminated with the utmost speed and all steps should be taken towards this end. The State Governments were asked to increase the number of subordinate courts and the strength of Judges after making an assessment having regard *inter alia* to the accepted norms with regard to time limits for disposal of different categories of cases.

Truck manufacturing project at Durgapur in West Bengal

1411. SHRIMATI KANAK MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what are the salient features of the proposed truck manufacturing project at Durgapur in West Bengal;

(b) when the project was scheduled to be taken up for construction; and

(c) what is the exact position with regard to this project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) to (c) No such proposal has been received by the Central Government.

Increasing sitting fee of Directors

1412. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government intend to increase the sitting fees payable to the directors attending the Board meetings from Rs. 250 which was fixed as back as 1965 in view of the fact that the prices have increased at leats five times during the last 20 years;

(b) what has been achieved by Government by introducing guidelines on managerial remuneration when there are built-in restrictions on such remunerations provided by Companies Act; and

(c) how many approvals have been given by the Government during the last three